

OPPOSE THE MUZZLE ORDER

Dog Owners to Attack Legality of the Commissioners' Regulation

Association Formed and Steps Taken to Procure Injunction—Remarks of Those Present.

A number of residents from various parts of the city assembled in Washington Hall, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 3d street southeast, Saturday evening and formed the "Dog Owners' Association." Mr. T. Edward Clark was made temporary chairman and Mr. J. B. Chamberlain was appointed temporary secretary.

The object of the meeting was called by Mr. Clark and he said he had called the meeting after consultation with a number of dog owners, who thought that the District Commissioners had no right to issue their recent muzzling order, and he had also secured the opinion of two leading lawyers, who were of the opinion that the law which provided for the collection of a license fee was unconstitutional. It was proposed, he said, to test this question in the courts. This would cost about \$200, and a small contribution from each of the owners of the 8,000 dogs in the city would provide for this.

A permanent organization of the association was then formed and the temporary chairman and secretary were elected as permanent officers to occupy the positions named.

Mr. Joseph Auerbach was elected vice president by acclamation, as was also Mr. Wm. J. Warner, secretary.

At the suggestion of Mr. John Fleming the office of second vice president was given to ladies who had raised dogs, and he thought a lady should be elected as the president. The suggestion was adopted, and Mrs. C. Springer was chosen.

Order Resolved as Obnoxious.

Resolutions offered by Mr. D. W. Kew, were adopted to the effect that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia had issued an obnoxious and oppressive muzzling order in snow time, and in various ways show a disposition to oppress the holders of property in general, and that it was the duty of the owners of all dog owners that they band themselves together for mutual protection.

The question was raised as to the advisability of whether or not to apply for a license law. This law was, Mr. Sunderland said, a protection to dogs. He had been told that there was a veterinary surgeon that there are now several thousand loose rabies in the city. What was wanted, he said, was to get the muzzling order revoked.

This suggestion was supported by several speakers, one of whom urged the order be revoked at once. The speaker said that the order had been at once taken to have an injunction issued against the District Commissioners to prevent the further execution of the muzzling order.

Mr. Kew remarked that he quite agreed with Mrs. Springer and he addressed the meeting as to the usefulness of the muzzling law. He said he did not believe that there were any cases of rabies in the city, the opinion of a veterinary surgeon was all that was wanted. The contrary notwithstanding.

As Commonly Understood.

Mr. Sunderland explained that when he spoke of rabies he meant the term as commonly understood, such as frightened the District Commissioners.

The chair said he did not think it was proper to discuss the thousand of rabies at this meeting.

Another speaker suggested that the whole validity of the license law should not be attacked ought to be left to the action of the executive committee, and upon a vote the meeting adjourned to continue the efforts of the association to secure the securing of an injunction to prevent the further execution of the muzzling regulation by the police and army.

An executive committee of five was appointed by the chair, as follows: T. E. Clark, chairman; J. B. Chamberlain, J. W. Burridge, Wilson, John W. Mitter and George A. Hill.

At the conclusion of the meeting all those present and their names were placed as members of the new association.

VETERANS AT CAMPFIRE.

Phil Sheridan Post Listens to Speeches and War Songs.

Friday evening last Phil Sheridan Post, No. 14, G. A. R., inaugurated the new year by obligating two recruits, who are to be initiated at the next meeting. After the reading of the minutes and adopting resolutions of sympathy with the Government, Commander J. F. Jennings, because of the death of his son, the entrances to the post were thrown open and Commander L. S. Surrency passed the gavel to Quartermaster J. R. McKelvey.

For over two hours the "campfire," arranged by the committee of Senior Vice Commander P. O. Lawrence, was a lively affair. It was a continuous flow of eloquence, wit and music, interspersed with abundant refreshments.

After a brief but warm welcome to the comrades and guests by the chairman, Mr. Edgar Weeks, a representative in Congress from Michigan, was introduced as the first speaker. He delivered an address abounding in patriotic sentiments and interesting reminiscences. He said that the day before there was enacted one of the grandest acts of the world and one witnessed, when Congress, by a handsome vote, passed the pension appropriation bill, carrying a larger amount than was ever made in any one year for the veterans of the war in England, Germany and France combined.

Past Department Commander Thomas S. Hahn, of the 1st Cavalry, was next, when he claimed there was another piece even greater than the passage of the pension appropriation bill, and that was when the men of the month and energy of the land were turning their backs on happy homes, laying aside the garments of peace and donning the uniform of war, and preparing to lay down their lives, if need be, as 500,000 did, to preserve the nation.

Commander Van H. Buecher of West Virginia, who commanded a brigade during the civil war, entertained the comrades in a brief speech, in which he gave a number of original thoughts, interesting reminiscences and sound reasoning, which was highly appreciated.

Other comrades who made short addresses were Parker H. Sweet, M. C. Beckford and Captain Wm. R. Ramsey. Among the speakers were Wm. E. Smith, J. W. Galt, past A. Q. M. general; Commanders Brown of Wilson Post and Hart of Kit Carson, and John V. Vinton. The active fall-bearers, M. M. Lewis of Burnside and Phil O'Brien, of Grant.

The music was furnished by the Mandolin Club, and the singing of songs of gratifying and printing, under the leadership of John S. Hahn, a member of Phil Sheridan Post, and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and war-time songs was a feature of the evening.

FUNERAL OF THOMAS ANDERSON.

Was the President of Rockville Bar Association.

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The funeral services over the remains of Thomas Anderson, who died at his home here Friday morning, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the late residence of the deceased, and were attended by a very large crowd, including many of the citizens of Rockville and a number of persons from a distance. The Rockville Bar Association, of which Mr. Anderson was president, attended in a body. The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas J. Packard, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, of which church deceased was a vestryman.

The honorary pallbearers were Judge James B. Henderson, State Senator William Veins Boole, ex-Judge John T. Lynch and ex-Judge John V. Vinton. The active fall-bearers were Messrs. John W. Warner, Charles W. Prentiss, Philip D. Laid, Spencer C. Jones, John McDonald and Hattersley W. Talbot.

The interment was in Rockville cemetery.

William Freeman, a small red haired boy, was today tried for robbing a mail coach on the charge of striking James Scott, another small colored boy, in the head with a stone. A fine of \$5 was imposed and he was paid.